

**Tenth Annual/Business Meeting
Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.
Wednesday, June 29, 2011
7 PM**

**Center for Hellenic Studies Paideia
28 Dog Lane, Mansfield, Connecticut**

Minutes

1) Call to Order and Welcome

President Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Mr. Lodewick thanked Ilias Tomazos for his generosity in providing the Center for Hellenic Studies Paideia again for the Partnership's Annual Meeting.

2) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3) Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting – June 3, 2010

Chris Kueffner made a motion to approve the June 3, 2010 minutes. Joyce Donohoo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

4) Annual Review of the Program and Year Ahead

Mr. Lodewick made brief remarks as he had spoken previously at the groundbreaking. He saluted the Board of Directors and members for all their support of Storrs Center.

Mr. Lodewick recognized Mike Gergler with Wilcox & Reynolds and Bill Simpson with the UConn Co-op who have been sponsors of the Partnership since its inception. Mr. Lodewick presented Mr. Gergler and Mr. Simpson with recognition plaques.

5) Election of Directors to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., Board of Directors

Mr. Lodewick reported that the Board was nominating Ted Yungclas to a three-year term on the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. Board of Directors. Mr. Lodewick asked if there were any nominations from the Floor. Hearing none, Henry Krisch made a motion to elect Ted Yungclas to a three-year term on the Board of Directors until June 30, 2014. Rich Schwab seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Lodewick recognized outgoing Board members Gregg Haddad and Dean David Woods for their excellent years of service. A rendering of the Storrs Center project was presented to Mr. Haddad and Dean Woods.

6) A.J. Pappanikou Volunteer of the Year

Finance and Administration Chair Tom Callahan recognized Lynn Stoddard as this year's recipient of the A.J. Pappanikou Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Callahan said Ms. Stoddard was instrumental in putting together a grassroots group of

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supporters as the project encountered challenges and a declining economy. Ms. Stoddard said a few words, noting that she had a great team to work with as they worked to build momentum and support for Storrs Center. Ms. Stoddard was given a plaque of recognition.

Steve Bacon also recognized Ms. Stoddard who he said was the perfect match for leading a group of supporters. He also recognized Peter Millman's efforts, a previous Volunteer of the Year himself. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Bacon expressed gratitude for their work.

7) Recognition of Mansfield Director of Planning Gregory Padick

Mr. Bacon recognized Mansfield Director of Planning Greg Padick for his 30 years of service to the Town. He said it is rare to find someone who excels at the level of public service of Mr. Padick. Mr. Bacon noted Mr. Padick's exemplary work on behalf of Storrs Center. He was professional and fair minded in his work, while maintaining his objectivity. After a year of planning, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Storrs Center Special Design District unanimously, and Mr. Padick was instrumental in assisting the Commission with its review. Mr. Padick was given a plaque of recognition.

Mr. Padick said he was gratified that the goals of the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, which planned for development in the Storrs Center area, came to fruition.

8) Other

Betsy Paterson announced that the *Festival on the Green* will be held in front of E.O. Smith High School due to the construction of Storrs Center. Activities include the Celebrate Mansfield Parade, juried art show, music headliner Slavic Soul Party!, and the marching bands from UConn and E.O. Smith High School. Ms. Paterson asked for sponsorships for the *Festival* and/or donations as none of the *Festival* expenses come from its operating budget. She thanked members in attendance for their support.

Mr. Bacon said his experience working with the Partnership and Storrs Center is that people in the Mansfield and University community care deeply about their community. He recognized Philip and Christine Lodewick for their great support and dedication to creating a downtown in Mansfield, noting Mr. Lodewick's long drive from Ridgefield to Mansfield to attend Partnership meetings. Their dedication to Mansfield is exemplary. Mr. Bacon presented the Lodewicks with a plaque of recognition. Mr. and Ms. Lodewick thanked Mr. Bacon for his comments. Mr. Lodewick recognized Mr. Bacon for Mr. Bacon's own long- term commitment to Storrs Center.

9) Adjourn

Hearing no other business, a motion was made by Mr. Schwab and seconded by Art Roberts to adjourn. The motion was approved and the Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.